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Mission Statement “We are special people on a journey, growing and learning together in search of excellence, as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus.”

Love - Respect – Honesty

5th September 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for the 2022-2023 school year. I am sure that all the children will settle well into their new classes and work hard for their teachers in the year ahead. We extend a warm welcome to all new pupils and families who have joined our school, we look forward to getting to know you and hope you will feel welcome in our school community.

Miss Nugent continues to make a steady recovery and thanks you all for your good wishes and prayers. I will continue to deputise in her absence and I thank you for your support. I will be based in Year 4 but am always available after school or on Wednesdays to help you should you have any concerns or questions about something that is not class related.

We will continue to encourage hand hygiene to avoid the spread of infection. Please make sure your child brings their own bottle of water to school each day. We have had a ‘bottle filler tap’ installed into the KS2 playground for your child to refill their own water bottle.

Opportunities for parents to come into school to meet teachers and learn about our priorities for your children is essential and will be at an open evening from 3pm until 6:30pm on Tuesday 18th October and other appointments throughout the week.

Staffing update - We welcome back Mrs Briggs to Year 1 following her maternity leave, Ms Rusha who our new teaching assistant in Year 5 and Bethany Whitehead who is studying for her PGCE at English Martyrs.

Catholic life of the school - Fr Alex will celebrate Mass to pray for a blessing for our new school year within the next few weeks. Mass will be in held in English Martyrs and all parents, carers and friends are welcome to attend. Date to follow.

First Holy Communion - Preparation for First Holy Communion for pupils in will begin in English Martyrs Church soon. Please check your own parish newsletters for more details.

Morning Prayer - Rosary - In this month of Mary there will be a morning prayer with a decade of the Rosary followed by a Continental breakfast for parents and pupils on 10th, 11th and 12th October for years 1 & 2, 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 respectively.

Secondary Transfer - Year 6 Parents will soon receive details for applying to secondary schools for September 2023. Please contact the school if you require any extra help when completing the online application.

Future dates - School dates for 2022/2023 are on the website and the 2023/2024 dates will be available when approved by governors later this term. Please be mindful of these dates when booking holidays. Holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

Return of Contact Forms – Each child has been given a yellow Pupil Contact details sheet to enable us to update our records. We must have up to date pupil allergy information and contact details. Please complete one per child and return to school this week. You will shortly receive via text a Home School Agreement and Pupil Permission online Google forms. These must be completed one per child. Please look out for important information regarding Safeguarding and Online Safety which will be sent out next week.

Swimming – Swimming will take place on Thursday morning for year 4. Pupils should bring their swim costume, towel and hat. Goggles may be worn but are not obligatory.

After school activities – Afterschool multi-sports lessons resume next week on Tuesday 3:15 until 4:15 for year 3. Lessons cost £60 per child per term. Please register interest at the office. There is a maximum of 15 places available.

Texting Service - The school uses a texting service to inform parents of any changes to the normal school week. Please make sure that the school has up-to-date mobile telephone numbers to ensure we are able to register you for this service. If you have an urgent enquiry please ring the school, rather than text, so that you speak to a member of staff.

School website - To ensure you receive all newsletters from the school, select the following link <https://www.englishmartyrs.towerhamlets.sch.uk/newsletters-letters--leaflets.html> and complete the 'subscribe to our newsletter' section at the bottom of the page.

Building fund - As a Voluntary Aided school we have to contribute 10% of any building projects, such as roofing, lighting, flooring etc. Building fund is a once a year payment of £45 per child or £100 for families for 3 or more children. Payment can be made online and bank details are available from the school office.

Thank you all in advance for your support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Pannell
Acting Headteacher